

Vol. 3.

ISSUED ONCE IN TWO MONTHS.

No. 8.

THE

MISSIONARY LINK

FOR THE

WOMAN'S

Union Missionary Society

OF

AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS.



JULY, 1869.

Address Cor. Secretary, care of **DOREMUS & NIXON,**
New York.

SUBSCRIPTION—50 CENTS PER ANNUM.

LIBRARY OF
OCT 1
TREASURY

confess Him before men, and it is just as plain that a wife should not leave her husband. We have tried to teach these poor women that they should confess to their husbands that they are Christians, and if not permitted by them to be baptized, God would accept the desire of their hearts. But this poor woman felt she could not be satisfied thus, and at length contrived to escape from her home and refused to be taken back, until she had been baptized.

The public profession of this woman has created more excitement than that of K——, as the latter was only a widow. In a number of our zenanas, they tell us we may come and teach, if we promise not to mention our religion, but as this is against our rules we do not visit them at present. I am only surprised so little opposition is made. The word of God must prevail. Oh! that His Spirit may be poured out more abundantly upon us.

LOVE FOR THE ORNAMENTAL.

The love of this people for fancy work is a marvellous thing. It is most difficult to teach them plain sewing, for with certain castes who are very bigoted, they will not wear clothing that is sewed, although they may wear worked slippers. In a great measure, I feel my success among them, humanly speaking, has been owing to my varied knowledge of fancy work, as I find they will not have a teacher who cannot instruct in this department. Yesterday I was sent for, to teach in the house of wealthy people, but I had to spend half an hour in persuading them, before they could make up their minds to learn other things. It was only when they saw I was resolute, that they consented.

SCHOOL AT JEYPORE.

Jan. 4th.—As the time has come for my annual visit to our mission station in Jeypore, I made my journey with the wife of the Inspector General of Schools. Since last year the roads have greatly improved, so that we were only thirty hours going from Agra to Jeypore, where before, it took three days and two nights.

Our school under the care of Mrs. Ockelton has grown very much. There are now 160 girls in the school. Mrs. Ockelton has trained them wonderfully. Not a whisper even is to be heard in the time devoted to study, and yet for all her discipline

the pupils love her devotedly. They sing very well, and always the school is opened and closed with prayer. We examined the scholars in reading, spelling, and some higher branches, and were greatly gratified with their improvement. On the Sabbath Mrs. Ockelton has a Sunday-school. We found twenty-nine women from the ages of sixteen to forty were present. These all walk a distance of from two to four miles, which in an enervating climate is a great proof of their eagerness to learn. After an extemporaneous prayer, all joined in repeating audibly the Lord's prayer. The 26th chapter of Matthew was the lesson for the day, which all seemed to understand thoroughly.

VISIT FROM THE KING.

Jan. 7.—His highness, the king of Jeypore, has just called upon me with his commander-in-chief. If you had not been told, you would never imagine that you had been in the presence of of royalty. As he had ridden on horseback, his clothes were soiled and mean-looking. The only handsome thing he had on, was a large shawl or tartan plaid. He wore no jewelry save a profusion of plain silver rings with which his fingers were almost covered. He expressed himself greatly pleased with the progress of the school, and was especially gratified because I had worked him a cushion. He amused himself most of the time while he was here in looking at photographs and playing solitaire. He has sent me money enough to pay my expenses all the way from Calcutta to Jeypore and returning.

After he left, I visited the School of Art, which Dr. Valentine has begun, and in which the Maharajah takes a great interest. It is in a beautiful building, and there the natives are learning many useful branches, such as carriage building, moulding, carving, and cutlery making. I should also say that the Rajah is in advance in civilization of the rulers of Calcutta, for he permits instruction to prisoners in the jail. One of the pupils in our school goes daily to teach the women there.

Jeypore is certainly a most Oriental city, reminding you of the descriptions of cities in the Bible in the days of Saul and David. Indeed, the whole of this part of India is far superior to Bengal.

Extracts from the Journal of Miss Hook.

WANT OF COMFORT.

February 11th.—On going to teach a little widow to-day, I found the lower door fastened, which was unusual. On my knocking it was opened by the servant and I went up the stairs, but my scholar did not come to meet me as she always had, and the house was very quiet. I did not find her in the room where she recites her lessons, but on going into another apartment, I saw her lying on the bed. I was startled at first, but she raised herself and said she was not *very* ill, but had a fever. Her mother was away from home, and she was alone with the servants until 4 o'clock, when her brother came home. She had a native doctor, and her brother said if she was not better in a few days he should get an English one. She was very cold as she had nothing but a saree about her, but I soon covered her with a comfortable and a red blanket I found hanging up, and sent the servant for a bottle of hot water to put to her feet. It makes one's heart ache to see the sufferings of these poor natives with their bare feet and thin muslin coverings. In the cold season the high caste ladies either do not know how, or their customs will not allow them, to put on any more clothes. For two days it has rained, and is cold and dismal. I have worn my thickest clothes, with a shawl, and enjoyed a little coke fire that we were all glad to gather around. This widow was frightened about herself, because the little brother who died a short time ago, was taken first with fever. I sat down beside her for a little while, and my conversation with her was very pleasant. I asked if her mother and brother worshipped the idols. She said they did, and they sometimes asked her to, but she did not—what could they do? they were nothing more than dust and ashes. When I left her I asked her what I could do for her, she said "Pray for me." I feel quite sure she is a believer in Christianity, and in sickness and in sorrow for her brother, I think she has found comfort in prayer.

A SAD LOSS.

February 18th.—Rebecca, one of our most reliable teachers, who was superintended by Miss Hatchell, is now we trust, re-

joining in the presence of the Saviour, for she tried while here to teach her heathen sisters the way of salvation. She had the care of a school and was one of our most faithful women. The children loved to come regularly, and improved greatly from week to week, Rebecca had such good, gentle management with them, and taught them to sing hymns very well, a thing not easily accomplished with native children, as they have but little talent for music. She felt that she had consumption, and still worked as long as she had the strength; but a few months ago she went in the country where she lived before she came to us. Ten days ago Mrs S. wrote that Rebecca was no more, but had died happy trusting in her Saviour. She is a great loss to us, for it is not very easy to find a conscientious Christian with education enough to be a good teacher.

ADMIRATION OF SINGING.

I teach in one house where they are very fond of singing. The customs of the Hindoos only allow the dancing-girls to sing, but they well know it is perfectly right for us to do it, and they never let me go until I have sung something. A few verses of a hymn gives them immense pleasure. The fat, good-natured, pretty mother always sits on the floor directly before me. I teach her two daughters, and to day she was joined by two old women. Imagine the three looking straight in my face most of the two hours I am engaged with them, frequently discussing me or what I say, making significant nods and gestures toward me, or having a hearty laugh among themselves. One day the mother examined my dress carefully lifting one skirt after another, and finally took off my shoe and held my foot in her hand. I asked if she found it was flesh like her own, and she laughed immoderately. I let her do as she likes with me, unless she wishes to take down my hair, when I rebel. The two old ladies to-day became tired, and fell asleep stretched on the floor, and when the request came to sing, I said to the girl, "I must hear the multiplication table first, and if you say the first six lines without missing once, then I will sing." She got on finely until the sixth line when she missed several times, so I told her I could not sing for her, but would for her mother." For an instant

the mother thought I was refusing to sing, and her eyes flashed with anger, but when I commenced, she started and caught hold of the women on the floor and shook them most vigorously, until with hands clasped around their knees they listened attentively.

Extracts from the Journal of MRS. NICHOLS.

Mrs. Nichols has given us so many items of interest in a short visit to Monghyr, we feel a sketch of them will give variety to our knowledge of India.

CHANGE TO MONGHYR.

As during the Doorga-Poojah holidays we cannot continue our zenana work, we spent the time at Monghyr, the prettiest spot I have yet seen in India, where the dry and healthful air is very different from the damp unwholesome climate of Bengal. A missionary who has been laboring here between thirty and forty years, without once returning home, I think, can say with Paul "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." We have visited the native Christians, and found them happy and their houses all looking clean and comfortable. I asked the missionary if they never gave any trouble by quarrelling or drinking. She said, "Oh no, if they did the latter, they would be put out of the Church directly." They seem to be so well cared for, and on Communion Sundays, instead of having a separate service for natives and Europeans, they all commune together, the minister repeating the service first in English and then in Hindoo.

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE.

We were very glad to meet a missionary from Dinapore, who was to attend a grand Hindoo festival during the week of the Doorga-Poojah, to preach to the people who would assemble. We went twice to hear him and were much interested in the large crowd of natives who listened with attention, occasionally venturing to object to what he said. He having had thirty years' experience, knows how to silence every one effectually, as he shows the folly and absurdity of their own system of religion.

We have had some very interesting conversations with him about the Hindoos and their mythology. He tells us they believe that there are eighty-four different laes of birth which have to be passed through! (a lac is 100,000). In the heaven of a Hindoo there are four different states; the highest is to be absorbed in the Deity, the second, to be like God, the third, to be near God, and the fourth, to be in the same place with God, only at a distance. If they attain to the first, their felicity is eternal, but should they only attain to either of the three last states, they will remain in heaven so long as the merit of their good works gives them a right to the enjoyment of it, and then go through all the other births. Having been insects, and all kinds of living things, they become men again, by good works gain more merit, and then visit heaven once more. If a man only looks at the sacred Ganges they believe the sins of a hundred births are removed, if he drinks of it, the sins of two hundred births are effaced, but that if he bathes in it, the sins of a thousand births are washed away! When the missionary speaks to the Hindoos of this belief, he asks if they would have faith in a doctor whose medicines were ineffectual to cure the diseases he professed they would,—so if, after bathing in the Ganges, they committed sin as before, they must acknowledge that the river was ineffectual to cleanse them from guilt.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

In the Shasters, he tells us, when a husband was to be chosen for a young girl, that a number of suitors came to her father's house and seated themselves in a semi-circle. The young lady came in with a wreath of flowers in her hands, and walking in front of them threw the garland over the head of the one she chose for a husband. This must have been before the Mohammedan invasion, from which time the poor Hindoo ladies were secluded. Another custom was, that all the candidates for the hand of any young lady should try who should best perform a given feat.

We have often remarked how much better we can realize Scripture scenes in this Eastern land. We heard the other day of a custom which brought to our minds that passage in Matt. 21:8, "A very great multitude spread their garments in the way, etc." A

spiritual teacher walking through the streets, has a canopy carried by four men, held over his head. Others carry two large pieces of cloth about six feet long, which they spread alternately for him to pass over.

BURMAH--Bassein.

Extracts of Letters from Miss HIGBY.

FIRST TRIP TO THE JUNGLE.

January 21, 1869.—I went to the jungle in December, remaining in a Karen village, Moung Tha, four weeks, to learn the language. There was so much devotion and love shown us by these Christian people, that we could but feel we were and should be blessed in this work. I cannot tell you how kindly they cared for us, but think you would like to hear about a day we spent in a heathen village. A Bible-woman, of surprising tact and delicacy of feeling, was to go with us. We had talked it all over the night before at the pastor's house; but we could not understand perfectly, and as we had sent away our interpreter, we were comparatively helpless. There were serious difficulties in the way of our going. At first we thought we should go in a boat without a cover. I knew there was great danger from the heat of the sun, but ventured to brave it. Mee Koo, our teacher, had brought forward many obstacles. I have thought since, he was trying my disposition, but I was too much interested in listening to think of it then. He said the way was long, the sun was hot, the boat leaked, the tide flowed early in the morning before the "mammias" were awake, they could not eat rice so early, and they could not get back until dark, and we should get very hungry. I answered his objections one after another, and when Mee Koo found we were willing to endure the hardships, he made the way as easy as possible. He had a covered boat put down, the leaks closed, clean mats put in, and surprised us by the arrangements for our comfort. Early in the morning, as we were taking our tea and toast, our Karen girls, dressed in their holiday attire, came in. "Are the mammias ready?" they asked; "the tide flows." We hastily put our tea and crackers in our baskets, and were off. The people all came down to see us, say-

ing, "Do the mammas go happily; do they like the boat?" As they had worked half the night to put it in order, we expressed our pleasure as well as we were able, and floated off.

The girls here, row the boat and sing, and there is to me a fascination I cannot resist, in falling and rising on the tide, following the shining boat-paths through the tangled jungle. I hope this may never wear off, that I may never feel the pleasure of traversing these wilds grow old. So we floated on, in the freshness of the early morning, often hailed from the shore in soft flowing vocals of this language, "Where are you going?" and the answer of our Bible-woman was a short history of the two new mammas, amusing us often by the pride she felt in us. The anxious questionings and the weight of responsibility upon our hearts, needed a touch of humor to lighten the burden.

VISIT TO A NEW VILLAGE.

The village was found. A substantial building, formerly a Kyoung, received us and the people who were curious to see a "white teacher," soon filled the house. We let them in some measure satisfy their curiosity, as they had never seen a "mamma" before, and our Bible-woman, wise in trying to interest, talked about us. The greatest wonder was why we had come there. They were told we had left our home in America and had come to teach them. They would gather around us and beat their breasts, and say, "What shall we not learn when the mammas have come to teach us." There is nothing that touches their hearts so quickly as when they hear we have left our parents to come and instruct them. They know they would not let their daughters go, for, even when they marry, the son-in-law lives with his wife's parents. More than once our churches have lost a good preacher, because he married in another village. Sometimes the missionaries make a condition, "if you marry that girl, she must come to live in your village;" but they always get home-sick and unhappy. This being their feeling, you will understand no stronger argument for our cause could be used. They would almost take us in their arms in their earnestness and sympathy; then the Bible-woman would say, "The mamma worships the true God; listen, and we will show you how she worships." They listened

attentively while one of the girls read a simple catechism prepared for their first lesson, then they sang, and one or two prayers were offered. After this, they asked us questions about our religion, and often said, "It is better than our way, we will think about it." In this village there was not one who was able to read, but they listened earnestly, and said, "It is good;" and one woman who had recently become blind, said, as she took my hand, the tears streaming over her face, "I have never prayed before, I shall pray now the whole day long." The sun was low in the west, the tide flowed, we must leave them. Every one of them, men, women and children, followed us down to the shore, calling to us with out-stretched arms and tearful eyes, not to leave them, but to stay and teach them. My eyes were heavy with tears, and I longed to stay with them, but the village was far from town, so we must leave them. As we rowed away from their anxious faces, into the twilight, our Christian girls with one impulse, sang, "Say, brothers, will you meet us, where parting is no more." My head was aching with fatigue and heat, and we were faint for food, but we did not regret this our first day's experience in a heathen village. It was a moonlight night, and with hard rowing, we arrived at our chapel home, Moug Tha, where our dinner was waiting, about 9 o'clock. We hear from that village that they are asking for a teacher, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter are going there on their next trip. Will you pray that they may receive the Word, and become true Christians?

CHINA.

Extracts of letters from MRS. BONNEY.

Shanghai, March 19th.—We anchored at Yokohama, Japan, March 4th, after a boisterous passage across the ocean which, with two or three severe gales, was anything but "Pacific." During the two days we spent at that port we saw many friends, and left in the "New York" for the "Inland Sea," and arrived safely at Shanghai March 14th, making nine weeks since we left New York. Rev. E. W. Syle was the first who came on board to welcome us.

April 9th.—Pieho River. We are now anchored close to the

“Bar” waiting for the tide to carry us over, when we enter the river and hope after sailing sixty-two miles to reach Tientsin this afternoon. This completes our voyages of three months since we left New York. What great reason we have for gratitude; we have been kept from serious ill, and no accident has befallen us these many thousand miles, for God’s tender care has been over us until we have in safety, nearly reached the end of our journey.

Extracts of letters from Miss Douw.

PEEP AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, March 19th, 1869.—You can imagine our pleasure at arriving so near the termination of our journey with the prospect of rest for awhile. The change from ship-board is delightful, and our home while we remain here is all we could desire. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have taken us into their already well-filled house, and given us a warm welcome to their friendly roof. We have had our first experience of riding in sedan chairs, a mode of locomotion which is very good for wet weather, but when dry, I prefer the more independent American style. Mr. Nelson very kindly took us one day to the Chinese portion of the city where we had our first view of life as seen in the pleasure grounds and tea houses of the natives. A temple of one of their idols was also an interesting but painful sight. The ugly images and mummerly of candle burning and incense offering made us realize most fully the object of our mission, and as we passed along the narrow crowded streets we could but desire better things for the poor inhabitants. We have many invitations to see the different classes taught by the ladies of the mission and shall avail ourselves of these opportunities that we may go to work more understandingly.

MISSION SCENES.

In visiting one of the churches we were especially interested in watching one of the native helpers who was preaching to a group of Chinamen. His face was very bright and intelligent, his voice and gestures were eloquent and winning. Mr. Syle who was with us, translated a portion of his address, which was very earnest and simple, full of the love of Christ. “Would you be saved? Come to Jesus, He will love and save you. He

is so loving and tender you cannot but love him." This was the burden of his discourse, but the face and the manner spoke more than the language.

In the schools we were perhaps, amused as much as instructed. The children in their wadded dresses presented such an odd appearance with their long queues dangling behind, as they turned their backs on the teacher and rocked from one foot to the other, reciting in a monotonous chanting manner.

We also paid a hasty visit to a boarding-school which Mrs. Sytle has recently established, and were very much pleased, only regretting that our time was so limited.

WINDING UP A RIVER.

Tientsin, April 10th.—Our trip from Shanghai to this place, has been very pleasant, except the usual inconvenience of seasickness. The captain has been most kind and attentive, and the little saloon of our steamer is so comfortable, we are loath to leave it for the small boats which must take us the next stage of our journey. The only incongruous ornament is a row of muskets and bowie knives, ranged on either side of the cabin to be used in case of necessity. We have, however, neither known nor felt alarm by day or night, and have especially enjoyed the latter part of our sail up this narrow and tortuous river. The banks are as low and flat as our western prairies, and only broken by groups of small sized trees or mud houses, which are gathered into villages lining the shores.

The land is well cultivated and when summer clothes it in verdure, it must possess some beauty. No fences annoy the eye, which rests on little mounds of earth,—the graves of the dead, which the Chinese regard with sacred veneration.

It was curious to watch the manœuvres of our vessel as she steamed up the narrow channel and around the sudden bends which mark this river. A sail would be run up the bow and then at the stern, only for a moment to catch the wind in making a turn, or in some cases, a small boat was sent out, with a line attached to a stake, placed for the purpose, to draw round the head of the vessel. An anchor was also once thrown out to aid in an evolution difficult of accomplishment, and which saved us some hours of waiting for the tide.

Reports from Bible-Readers.

SATARA---India.

THE extracts from the letter of Mrs. Abbot introduce the journal of a Bible-reader supported "In Memoriam" of Mrs Mary E. Munger, by her relatives.

Feb. 11th.—Before giving her report I must tell you the history of your Bible reader. Martha's parents lived in the city of Ahmed-nuggur where she was born. Her parents had three children, the eldest a son. The father died when the children were very young, and the mother, when Martha was eight years old. For a year or two after the mother's death they lived with an aunt who did not properly care for them, but kept them hard at work, and scantily clothed and fed. When Martha was about ten years old she determined to earn her own bread and secured a place as servant to a soldier's wife, receiving a dollar a month, with which she not only helped herself but her brother and sister!! When the brother was fourteen, he became a groom to a gentleman of Ahmed-nuggur, and then Martha had a home with him, and not only cooked his food, but learned to do a little ayah's work, taught her by the lady of the house. She was occasionally sent to one of Miss Farrar's day schools, where she learned to read in her own language, Maratti. After remaining two years in Ahmed-nuggur, the gentleman and lady removed to Maligarum and took Rowjee and his sisters with them. While in this place a missionary of the Church mission, took a great interest in them, and taught them of Christ. They soon became Christians and were received into the church and baptized with the names of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. After a few years Lazarus and his sisters came back to Ahmed-nuggur where Martha kept house for her brother and helped support the family by her needle, until the illness of Mrs. Munger, when she was employed as her nurse. She was married about this time and has ever since lived in Satara. She has a son and daughter, and has adopted the only child of her sister Mary, who died in Satara.

Martha is an industrious, sensible, and, we think, truly pious woman, and better fitted than any other in our little church for the work of a Bible-reader to the women of Satara. She has entered into the work with all her heart and we trust that with the help of the Holy Spirit, she will do a great deal of good. Martha's brother is employed by our mission as a Catechist and lives in Kowta, a place about 20 miles from Satara, and we hope that his labors also among his countrymen will bring forth fruit. I will give you some extracts from her journal written the last few days of the past year, which I have translated from the Maratti.

December 25th.—Read from John 5th, and after reading the 25th verse, spoke to them of the death of a woman whom they all knew, and told them of the uncertainty of life, and the importance of always being prepared for death. I also told them of the necessity of a new heart. Men by nature find their enjoyments in the things of this world, but are spiritually dead. We must have new hearts. One woman sneeringly said, "Well, we will all become Christians now." I replied, "If you should join yourself to Christians without a change of heart, it would do you no good." After this, they listened well, and when I went away, invited me to come again.

December 29th.—Went to the house of a carpenter, and found his wife and another woman sitting with grains of wheat in their hands, trying to find out by magic the cause of the blindness of the carpenter's mother. After they had counted the grains and muttered prayers over them, I was told that the blindness was caused by an evil spirit, and it was a very hard one to cast out. I read to them from Mark 9th, and told them that everything was under the control of God, and that the gods which they worshipped could do nothing without His permission.

Martha has usually a good many to hear her read, and as she has particular places to visit each day in the week, besides going wherever she may be invited, she has an opportunity of giving some of the women regular instruction, and we have the hope that good is already being done. As it is not considered proper for a respectable woman to go about alone in this country, Martha

has a woman, named Gungee to go with her, who is a very poor, but I believe a truly pious and humble woman. Martha says she feels great comfort in the thought that you are praying for her and her work. She knows she needs strength and grace from above.

BURMAH--Rangoon.

Extract of a letter from Mrs. CEPHAS BENNETT, communicated by the "Philadelphia Branch."

March 22nd.—I was happy to be able, on the receipt of the money sent by your Society, to employ another Bible-woman. Her name is Mah Knen Yah. She is the widow of the old Burmah Pastor, Ho En, who died last year, and is more than fifty years of age. She knows more of the Scriptures than any woman we have, and seems fully determined to give her time, in future, to doing all she can for her countrywomen.

The name of the other woman, who has been supported the past year, mainly by your liberality, is Mah Noo. She is a very earnest Christian, and gives me great comfort by her devotion to her work. It has been necessary for her to go to Promc lately, but she took a good supply of books for use, and for distribution during her absence.

I am very thankful to be able to report well of the school at Kemendine. It has been increasing from month to month, until it now numbers nearly fifty little girls. Your last grant enabled me to furnish forms, mats, slates, a clock, etc., which were greatly needed, and with which teacher and pupils are much pleased.

I have no doubt one dear child from that school has gone to be with the Saviour, to behold His beauty and glory. Another is asking for baptism, while several others have learned to read, and all are daily learning something to make them wiser and I trust better, for this life and for the next.

*Extract of a letter from MRS. WILDER, KOLAPOOR, INDIA.
To "Philadelphia Branch."*

March 25th.—I continue to be one of the Ladies' Committee in behalf of the School under the patronage of "Her Highness," and it devolves upon me to see that the dear girls from the Palace and the zenanas advance properly in their various studies. It is true I cannot give Christian instruction as freely as in my own little school at home, but I feel as if the way is being prepared for these promising girls to be brought more and more under Christian influence. Some of these scholars find their way into our chapel, and call to see me, then I talk to them freely, and give them Christian books to read. The school for girls in Kolapoor is prospering under the Christian teacher Baizao, who tries to be faithful in his work. In geography and arithmetic, my pupils are in advance of any in the Rance's (Queen's) School, and at the same time they learn lessons in the Bible, Catechism, and to repeat hymns. Five of our most promising girls are now supported by yourselves, Mrs. Boyd, and the Mission-Bands of Springfield, Ky., who I hope may become successful teachers, if we are able to retain a hold upon them.

INFANT MARRIAGES.

I have other girls who are very bright and intelligent, but the difficulty is, these little girls are married, and when they are eleven or twelve years old, their husbands are almost sure to send for them, so, much to my sorrow, we have to part with them.

These infant marriages I already see to be the great difficulty in the success of the Queen's School, and this is the reason why Zenana-Missions are so much needed. The higher castes require so much seclusion for women.

Home Department.

A Shining Light.

IN a beautiful English home, surrounded with every comfort and luxury, which an ample fortune could command, lived a lady whose whole life was one hymn of praise to her Maker. Early had she devoted her powers, which were remarkable for ready conception and prompt execution, to every good work which presented itself for her aid, but not until she had reached maturity was her heart filled with the importance of personal consecration to the cause of heathen women. A saintly man of God, Rev. D. Abeel, the representative in China of the Dutch Reformed Church of America, returning to his native land in quest of health, *via* England, sought to arouse the Christian ladies with whom he met, to the sad contrast between their honored position and the degradation of all women in the Orient. To his earnest entreaties and inspiring sympathy, the pioneer of missions among women, "The Society for promoting female education in the East" owes its existence. In listening to his pathetic appeals for Chinese women, this noble spirit—Miss Aldersey—consecrated her future for their salvation. No sooner had she resolved, than a thorough preparation was begun. The difficulties of the language were in a measure mastered, under the tuition of that distinguished scholar Dr. Morrison, while many practical lessons were learned while in connection with the Society recently formed. Thus far was Miss Aldersey prospered in her plans, when suddenly the shadow of death touched with his withering finger a brother's household and turned her thoughts for some years to his motherless children. Yet the Good Father of all was only preparing, not preventing her life-work, and in 1837 she began her labors in Java as an independent foreign missionary. But China had been the Mecca of her hopes, and there, in Ningpo, she had the privilege of opening the first Christian boarding school for Chinese girls. Two of her finest pupils in Java followed her to Chiua and became valuable assistants. Miss Aldersey was one of the first, also, who introduced the Bible, in raised Chinese characters for the use

of the blind, by which means some sightless scholars could read this precious Word, which had given them spiritual light, to their heathen relatives. A long life of activity was granted this faithful laborer, until failing health brought her near those dear ones residing in Australia, whose childhood had been brightened by her tender love. But disease and suffering could not exact the relinquishing of life's great object. Many were the unhappy creatures in that land of sin, for whom she made the "Narrow way" a path of light. Not even a residence of twenty-five miles from Adelaide could prevent her visits twice a week to the fellow-beings whom she had rescued from temptation. Visitation to the sick, tract distribution, weekly prayer meetings, which required a journey before sunrise, Bible classes for young women, all were crowded in the busy though declining life of this faithful steward of the Lord, unto whom much had been committed. And when almost reaching her seventy-second year, she was called to be a patient waiting-servant, not a regret was allowed to escape her, nor could hours of agony wring from her but one thought—"Infinite love is ordering all." The grateful hearts who soothed her fading days, with their tender love, write, "We read to her from four to seven hours daily, the works she chose being always on Divinity or missionary subjects. In the early morning she asked for her daily portion of the Bible, three chapters, with Scott's comments, and when any difficulty suggested itself she would send for her concordance and thoroughly search it out. The spirit that ran through her illness was calm, solid peace. Never was she depressed either in health or sickness. Her care for the souls of those around her continued to the last, and her one great desire for her former pupils was that they should be earnest, zealous servants of God and carry on the work she had left."

Only a few minutes before her death, September 30, 1868, she asked to be refreshed with those words, from a Father to His children, which so soon she should hear before the Great White Throne.

And thus passed from service on earth, to praise in heaven, a spirit, leaving a record of glorious light which will shine like a beacon to all who labor for dying souls in the lands of darkness and the shadow of death.

Mission-Band Department.

A Moonlight Visit.

ONE evening when we went out to the verandah to enjoy the delicious south breeze, we noticed a carriage stopping before our gate. There was something peculiar in this carriage, for it was shut up as if no one was in it. The blinds were drawn up and every lattice closed, so that there was not the slightest opening to admit the refreshing evening air. "No one could be in it," we said, "but why does it stand there?" Upon closer examination we saw two Hindoo gentlemen outside and concluded they were bringing their ladies to pay us a visit. In a few seconds five ladies and two children, one a baby, were with us on the verandah.

They shook hands with us, and when we asked them to be seated they said "Oh, no! we do not want to sit down, we would like to see the house." Then they asked if we would not show them our bed-rooms and everything in them. The missionary who visits them took them all over the house and explained everything, after which they joined us again and this time seated themselves.

We now discovered that the gentlemen had been left alone all this time. When we invited them to join us, they said the ladies would be shy before them and cover their faces. However they were brought up and seated in the hall, back of the verandah. Fortunately it was a lovely moonlight evening, so that it was quite pleasant for the ladies on the verandah. How strange it would seem to you if you were invited out to spend the evening, but could not sit in the same room with your brothers or cousins without covering your faces. These poor Hindoo women cannot unveil their faces before their own husbands when any one else is present, even if it be a sister.

The tea was soon brought up and as it was Good Friday we had buns with it. Now although these Hindoos are not allowed, by their religion, to eat the food we prepare, we were surprised to find these ladies were willing to partake of what we

enjoyed. One of these ladies was a pretty young creature thirteen years old; and would you believe it, she had her little baby with her, a chubby little girl, with large round black eyes, which looked around them with wonder and astonishment at the unusual sights and sounds. After tea my sister sung for them, when I wish you could have seen the baby's eyes opening to the widest extent. When we bid them good by, these Hindoo ladies embraced us most affectionately, which they are not generally apt to do.

Dear members of the Mission bands, we must think that these poor ignorant beings do not know the true God nor the love of Christ. How would you feel if you were drowning, and many who had it in their power to save you refused to do so? Is it not of greater importance that these immortal souls should be saved from everlasting destruction. The good Lord has given us many and great blessings, should we not be ready to share them with our sisters in heathen lands. Let us ask our Heavenly Father so to fill our hearts with love that we may enjoy doing His work.

H. CADDY.

The Blind Girl of Nicomedia.

UNDER THE CARE OF MISS FRITCHER, OF MARSOVAN.

MANY thanks to the "Fowler Mission Band," of Utica, for their offering, which is to be appropriated to a blind girl from Nicomedia or rather from Bahhjejuk, a village just over the gulf. She has been here two years studying, is an earnest Christian, and capable of doing great good. The women who have eyes, and cannot read, are astonished to see her read with her *hands*. During the vacation this winter she has been attending to the duties of a Bible-woman among our degraded neighbors. Sometimes she returns almost discouraged with the difficulties and deep ignorance of her countrywomen. Again she is joyful in consequence of success in inducing others to begin to read, or to attend our chapel, or in interesting some one in the word spoken or read. It is a *large* work, not of a few days or even *years*, but the promise is *sure*, as sure as the command "Go ye. &c." that is sufficient reason for going and the comfort is superadded "I will be with you."

THIS brief notice closes the earthly record of one who loved and labored beyond most, for the cause of our Society. Scarcely a month after its organization in New York, she was one of four little girls who by personal solicitations for this new and unheard of object raised the sum of \$20, and constituted the first Mission Band ever formed; auxiliary to the Ladies' Society.

This Band is now known as the "Pioneer Band of Clinton Avenue Congregational Church," and dear Emma has ever been its firm and constant supporter, collecting and laboring for it until sickness compelled her active feet and skillful fingers to cease from work. Her last attendance in the house of God was at the Easter service which was observed as the Eighth anniversary of the Pioneer Band of the Sabbath School, and her last active exertion was in behalf of the "Mission Band Fair" the following week. She loved with all her heart the Band for which she had toiled so many years, and, when Death was drawing very near, she named it as one of the dear circle to whom she would leave some expression of her undying affection.

As a scholar at the "Packer Institute" it was also the constant aim of dear Emma to interest her class in the Society, and she shrank from no toil to complete the amount of the yearly pledge.

Jesus has called away one whose life promised abundant fruit in the cause of our Woman's Mission. May His blessing upon her useful life and peaceful early death quicken our hearts to new love and zeal. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

II.

EMMA W. HARRIS,

Aged Seventeen Years, Seven Months.

BROOKLYN. MAY 27TH.

Names of Life Members not yet Printed.

Mrs. Edward Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. G. A. Boardman, Mrs. M. L. Barnes, Mrs. O. H. Benton, Binghamton N. Y.; by Miss Band "Lilies of the Valley."
Miss M. L. Johnstone, Washington Heights, N. Y.; Mrs. E. S. West, Washington Heights, N. Y.; Rev. and Mrs. J. Howard Smith, Washington Heights, N. Y., by Mission Band "Helping Hands."

Mrs. George S. Coe, Englewood, N. J.

Mr. Alfred Wicks, by Atlantic Av. Sunday School, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Gen. Williams, Norwich, Conn.

Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth, by Mrs. Gen. Williams, Norwich, Conn.

Mrs. Wm. Greenough, Logansport, Ind., by Miss E. B. Ingalls.

Mrs. Samuel Miller, New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Dr. John Hall; by Mission Band "Zenana Lighters."

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Palmer, Salem Mass., Miss Kate Greenough, Miss Annie Demorest, Miss Douchy, Miss Mary Backhouse, Miss Charlotte Smithers, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Lillie Candler, by the Clinton Av. "Zenana Society," Brooklyn.
Mrs. Byron W. Clark, Dunkirk, N. Y.

New Mission Bands.

"Daisy Collier" in Kinderhook, N. Y., superintended by Miss Mary E. Miller.

A warm friend who has lately gone to Indiana, writes "We have to-day formed a Mission Band in New Albany, Ind., and have given it the name of the "W. C. Anderson Band" for our beloved pastor, who feels and takes a great interest in "Woman's Mission to Woman."

In Columbus, Ohio, a Band is formed, superintended by Miss M. G. Old.

In Syracuse, N. Y., "The Mission Gleaners," superintended by Mrs. A. A. Hudson.

Mission Band in Portsmouth, N. H., communicated by the Phil. Branch, to whom the superintendent writes, April 15th: "The members of my Bible class are mostly factory operatives, and all of them working girls, yet, for the past three months they have paid in between eight and nine dollars. They follow the apostolic advice "to lay by them in store on the first day of the week," and this they bring to me for the Band. One is a sick girl, and can only earn about thirty-seven cents per day, but of this she regularly lays aside *a tenth* every week for the Band.

We acknowledge gratefully—

A box of fancy and useful articles from the B. C. Cutler Band, Brooklyn.

" " " " " " " " " Plymouth " " "

A marking plate and indelible ink for the Home in Calcutta; also, the periodical "Hours at Home" from Mrs. E. S. West, Washington Heights, N. Y.

The managers of the "Home of the Friendless" a set of the "Advocate and Guardian" for our Homes at Calcutta and Peking.

Fancy articles from Mrs. Jacob Le Roy—Dressed doll, embroidered sacks—Cushion, worsted work slippers, illuminations, etc., from Mission Band "United Effort" per Miss Tillou.

Worsted work from "Murray Hill Mite Society"—Stereoscopic views from Miss P. L. Smith, Chicago—Toilet set and sack braided, from Mrs. Johnson.

Receipts into the Treasury from April 10, to June 10, 1869.

Mission Band Fair.

Proceeds in part of the Mission Band Fair, held April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Treas. \$10,000

Branch Societies and Mission Bands.

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, "Jewels of the Lord," Mrs. S. M. Fellowes, Pres., per Mrs. John Fitch, for Isabella Hume, Midnapore. 52 25

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn, "Young Ladies Mission Band," of South Cong. Church, per Miss Emma D. Merwin..... 35 00
Collegiate Dept. of Packer Institute, per Miss E. J. Smith..... 35 00
"Dawning Light," 1st Ref. Ch., per Mrs. Joseph Kimball..... 50 00
"Light Bearers," for support of "Aladec," Calcutta, per Miss Woodruff, of which, proceeds of Prof. Eaton's Experimental Entertainment, \$115..... 242 75

New York, Young Ladies Bible Class of 34th St. Ref. Ch., for Mexico, in gold.....	30 00
Mission S. S., No. 120, of South Ref. Ch., per Miss C. H. Mathews, for "Laura Graham," Dehra	40 00
"Lambs of the Flock," per Miss Bella Jones, for Miss Wilson, Calcutta	28 00
"Fragment Seekers," per Mrs. Edwin Smith	20 00
"Zenana Lighters," to constitute Mrs. Dr. JOHN HALL, Life Member, Miss E. N. Macy, Sec.	50 00
"First Fruits," Miss E. B. Blakeman, Supt., including from Mrs. Wm. N. Blakeman, sub., \$20; Mrs. E. C. Benedict, \$2; Mrs. Williamson, \$1; Mrs. Quincy, \$3; Miss Maggie, \$3; Mrs. Edwards, Don., \$10; Mrs. S. J. Jones, \$1	85 91
"United Effort," per Miss. F. Tilou	32 76
Infant Class of the Brick Ch., for China, per Miss Blakeman ..	3 50
Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie Mission Band, Mrs. J. B. Jewett, Supt., in aid of Mrs. Bonney's School	46 00
Syracuse, "Mission Gleaners," per Mrs. A. A. Hudson	20 00
S. S. of Ref. Church per Mrs. R. Townsend, for "Santhae," and "Anna," Chittoor, India	50 00
Washington Heights, "Helping Hands," \$41; per "Helping Hands," from S. S. of Ch. of the Intercession, Miss Marion Howard Smith's Class, \$5.30; Miss Eliza Audubon's, \$9.78; Miss M. L. Johnstone's, \$33. In all, \$39.16, of which \$30 for "Romanee," and \$59.16 for child in China. Also Miss Rosa Audubon's Class, for school in India, \$48.09. All for Life Memberships of MR. AND MRS. J. HOWARD SMITH	137 25
	\$906 17

NEW JERSEY.

Elizabeth, Elizabeth Branch, Miss H. M. McKnight, Treas., viz: From Home Circle of Westminster Ch., \$3.85; Westminster Mission Band, \$24.59; Special Contributions, \$41; Annual Subs., \$26; Proceeds of Westminster Mission Band Concert, \$55.90; Subscriptions for Link, \$11.50. Less \$3.30 for expenses	162 54
Kinderhook, "Daisy Collier" Mis-	

sion Band, per Miss Mary C. Miller, for Miss Douw's Mission	20 00
Princeton, "Pnehe McLean," per Mrs. Chas. S. Olden	20 00
	\$202 54

PENNSYLVANIA.

Newberry, "Brainard Band," per Mrs. B. W. Thompson, of which 50 cts, for Link	3 50
Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, Miss R. Wetherill, Treas., for Bishop Paine's Mission, Cape Palmas, Africa, \$150; also, in two Bills of Exchange, for Rev. R. G. Wilder, Kolapoor, \$100, Gold, and for Miss C. L. Beatty, Dehra, \$-0. Gold, \$207, Cey ..	357 00
Pottsville, "Beautiful Star," per Miss Sallie Carter, for "Eliza Douglas," Calcutta	25 00
	\$355 50

DELAWARE.

New Castle, "Woman's Union Mission Society of New Castle," Mrs. Jas. Couper, Treas., for "Monomohence," Calcutta, including \$5 for Links	\$129 50
---	----------

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, "Kohar Band," Miss Lizzie Ambrose, Sec., for support of "Kohar," Bible Reader in Harpoot, Turkey, Gold Check, \$60, premium \$23.10	\$83 10
--	---------

OHIO.

Cincinnati, Missionary Society of 2nd Presb. Church, Arthur W. Bradley, Esq., Treas.	\$50 00
---	---------

INDIANA.

Logansport, "Ministering Children," proceeds of Parlor Fair, per Mrs. Wm. Greenough	\$32 76
---	---------

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, "Carrie Loving Memorial Band," per Mrs. John A. Miller for Child in Pekin, of which \$1. for Links	21 00
"Olive Branch," per Mrs. M. E. Crutcher, for China	20 00
Pewee Valley, "Pewee McCown Band," Miss Julia C. Rhorer, Collector	25 00
	\$66 00

Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands.....\$1,907 82

Other Contributions.

MASSACHUSETTS.	
Acton, Evangelical Church, per	

Rev. G. W. Colman, of which 50 cts. for Link.....	13 00
Amherst, Proceeds of Parlor Fair, per Mrs. Dr. Hickok, including \$10 from Mrs. Dr. James.....	160 00
Williamstown, Mrs. H. C. Gould, for Links.....	1 00

\$174 00

CONNECTICUT.

Fairfield, Miss LeRoy, Collector..	21 00
New Haven, Miss Abby Lyman, Collector, of which, from Mrs. SAMUEL MILLER, for Life Membership, \$50, and 50 cts. for Link.....	140 62
Norwich, Mrs. GENERAL WM. WILLIAMS, for Life Membership of Mrs. E. W. FARNSWORTH and herself.....	100 00

\$261 62

NEW YORK.

Brooklyn, Mrs. Richard Williams, Collector.....	20 00
Mrs. M. H. SANFORD, Life Membership.....	50 00
Mrs. R. W. Ropes, of which from Mrs. H. A. Dike, \$5, and Mrs. G. W. Mason, \$5.....	20 00
Miss E. B. Ingalls, Col. per Mrs. S. E. Warner, for Life Membership of Mrs. WM. GREENOUGH, Logansport, Ind.....	52 00
Mrs. Wm. C. Hall, Col.....	37 00
Mrs. Gerard Hallock.....	5 00
Mrs. John Q. A. Butler, Sub.....	20 00
Mrs. Ralph C. Cutter, per Miss S. D. White.....	2 00
Dunkirk, Mrs. BYRON W. CLARK, for Life Membership, per Mrs. S. E. Warner.....	50 00
New Hamburg, Mrs. M. J. Freeman.....	5 00
New York, Miss. C. L. Westerlo, of which \$10 from M. J. V.....	20 00
Mrs. Fargo, per Mrs. I. C. Doremus.....	5 00
Miss J. Abeel, Col., of which from A. H. Muller, Esq., for China 5, Mrs. R. L. Kennedy, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus.....	19 00
Mrs. W. E. Mathews.....	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Barbour, Sub. and Col., of which \$20 from Mrs. H. K. Corring, Sub.....	77 00
Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, Col.....	28 00
Mrs. Geo. Colgate.....	10 00
Mrs. D. W. Chapman, Col.....	20 50
Mrs. D. Knowlton, Sub.....	20 00
Miss Mary Norwood Macy, Col., of which \$20 from Mrs. Jas. M. Halstead, Sub.....	40 50
Mrs. Henry Stimson.....	10 00
Mrs. R. B. Minturn per Mrs. T. C. Doremus.....	100 00
Mrs. Stephen Cutter, Col.....	20 50

Mrs. W. G. Lyon, Col.....	30 00
Mrs. A., for Monrovia, Africa.....	50 00
Mrs. Johnson, per Mrs. Henry Butler.....	2 00
Mrs. Jas. Talcott, per Mrs. Wm. Churchill.....	10 00
Phelps, Miss Emilie Crane, Col., Zenana work.....	20 00
Rondout, "L. H." for Zenana work.....	15 00
Sackett's Harbor, Mrs. H. Merrill, per Mrs. S. E. Warner.....	5 00
Schenectady, Fannie Forester Brownell, in Memoriam, per Miss Fannie E. Paige.....	1 00
Syracuse, Miss Mary I. Jackson, for Yan Yung, Shanghai, \$35 and \$1 for Links.....	36 00
Warsaw, Miss Sarah H. Beebe collected in Litchfield, Ct. and for Links.....	13 50

\$836 50

NEW JERSEY.

Bound Brook, Miss E. E. Field, of which 50 cts. for Link.....	1 50
Elizabeth, Mrs. Dr. Clark, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus.....	5 00
Princeton, Mrs. L. C. Tutthill, 3rd annual subscription.....	3 00
Miss M. M. Brown, Miss Atwater and Miss Hope, of which \$1 for Links.....	34 00
Trenton, St. Michael's Church, Miss A. R. Stephenson, Col., per Mrs. Buttolph.....	41 00

\$84 50

PENNSYLVANIA.

Germantown, Miss E. Clement, result in part of Fair.....	\$150 00
--	----------

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Miss Annie E. May, Col.....	\$20 00
--	---------

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Washington, Little Johnnie's Missionary box, per Mrs. W. L. Waller.....	\$1 06
---	--------

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Mrs. C. P. Buckingham, for child in Pekin, per Mrs. P. A. Avery.....	50 00
Miss P. L. Smith Col.....	20 50

\$70 50

Total other Contributions.....	\$1,593 13
Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands.....	1,907 82
Subscriptions for Missionary Link.....	50 00
Mission Band Fair.....	10,000 00
	<u>\$12,556 00</u>

A D D E N D A .

MISSION-BAND FAIR.

THE joyous Easter-week, found many young hearts full of hope and busy thought in the interests of a Union Mission Band Fair, to be held in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, April 1st, 2d, and 3d.

Three years before, a similar Fair had been held, though planned on a smaller scale, and its avails, \$4,000, paid into the treasury of the general society as a reserve fund. The time had come when another united effort seemed to be needed, both to call into active exercise the personal service and co-operation of the members of the rapidly increasing Mission-Bands, and also to furnish to the beloved officers of the Society, a spontaneous and tangible proof, that the cause has a warm place in the affections of its youthful members.

Perhaps no object, since the memorable Sanitary Fair of '54 has awakened so general and hearty a response, and the cordial endorsement of the city-pastors and press, strengthened the interest.

This Fair opened under favorable circumstances, and exhibited in its arrangements and designs, the result of careful forethought, skill and taste on the part of the general committee under the personal supervision of Mrs. S. B. Chittenden.

The whole space of the Auditorium had been floored over, and a beautiful circle of tables, adorned with tempting goods, surrounded the room, while above, hung banners of different hues and designs, but all elegant and choice, thus marking each band with its own significant name and emblem. In the centro of the room, a "Floral temple" bloomed with fairest flowers, and shone with innumerable jets of light, while an arch of light above blazoned the word "ZENANA."

A few moments before the Fair was thrown open to the public were spent in prayer by Rev. Dr. R. S. STORIS, and remarks by Rev. Dr. A. Schenck, and thus consecrated, the work began and proceeded to its close, without a shadow to mar its perfect harmony and prosperity.

The peculiar distinguishing features of this Fair were its union of all denominations working side by side for a common cause; its moderation in price of goods; the absence of raffling in any shape, and strict adherence to business rules in selling, changing money, etc.; and the result was such as to demonstrate, that a Christian fair can be made a success.

During the two days and a half of the Fair, its interest continued to increase, and the number present on the last day and evening was very large. Could the Academy have been secured for a longer time, it would have gratified a general wish, but Saturday evening compelled its close, leaving behind it a good name, a well filled treasury, and assurance that new friends had been gained to labor for the "Zenana Mission."

At the last Quarterly meeting, held in Brooklyn, the Fair committee, through their treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Robinson, had the pleasure of presenting to the Woman's Union Missionary Society, a check for \$13,747 96, a free and voluntary gift from some of their Mission Bands.

It has been truly said, that the young disciple who consecrates to Jesus and His cause, her time, her skill, her needle, and pencil, is doing as much, and even more, than the man of wealth who can put large sums into the Lord's treasury, for "she hath done what she could."

May the influence of the precious gifts that made up the "Zenana Fair" fill many homes in Eastern lands with the blessed light of the Sun of Righteousness.

REPORT OF TREASURER

*Of the "Mission Band Fair," held in Brooklyn, April 1st, 2nd,
and 3rd, 1869.*

Steady Workers.....		\$141 00
Mite Gatherers.....		76 25
Messiah Band.....		116 55
Rev. Dr. Seaver's Church—		
Gospel Messenger.....	\$968 26	
Punch and Judy,....	210 00	
	-----	1,178 26
Clinton Ave. Church—		
Pioneer Band.....	\$465 10	
Zenana ".....	301 45	
	-----	766 55
Cuyler Band—Newspaper.....		220 00
Stratford Box.....		8 47
Ivy Vine Band. Christ Church, Dr. Canfield.....		1000 00
Westminster Band. Rev. Mr. Carpenter's Church ..		236 96
Karen ".....		325 50
Morning-Star Band.....		285 50
New York Table*.....		477 45
Puritans.....		197 35
" Young Ladies Band," So. Cong'l Church.....		199 13
St. Ann's Church—		
Vine Dressers.....	\$45 00	
B. C. Cutler Memorial.....	447 49	
	-----	\$492 04
Dawning Light. Dr. Kimball's Church.....		400 60
Rain-bow. Prof. West's School.....		400 35
Church of the Pilgrims.—		
Light Bearers.....	\$694 50	
Daisy Chain.....	357 43	
Porter Memorial.....	150 00	
	-----	1,201 93
Rev. Mr. Beecher's Church.—		
Plymouth.....	\$512 53	
Art Gallery.....	112 19	
	-----	624 72
Strong Place Baptist Church.—		
Free Offering.....	\$817 52	
Velocipede.....	6 00	
	-----	823 53
Dawn of Day.....		809 00
Albany Table.....		108 54

* The "Bishop Heber" Band, at Fairfield, Conn., contributed articles valued at \$172; "Helping Hands," Washington Heights, valued articles sent at \$165; Englewood Band, Mrs. Jermain's Band, in Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Rob't Townsend and Friends, Syracuse, N. Y., Band in Delhi, N. Y., also sent valuable contributions.

Dwight Memorial.....		219 67
H. G. Brittan Band.....		206 26
Methodist Church.....		13 50
		<hr/>
Refreshment Table.....	\$663 95	\$10,280 52
Candy ".....	340 00	
New England ".....	101 22	
Ice Cream ".....	766 75	
Lemonade ".....	264 82	
		<hr/>
Flower Table and Auction.....		\$2,136 74
Pop-Corn, Master E. Ropes.....		501 50
Tickets.....		4 50
Premium on \$7.00 Gold.....		1,998 20
Unknown.....		2 20
		2 26
		<hr/>
Total Receipts.....		\$15, 226 08
Expenditures.....		1, 478 12
		<hr/>
Balance.....		13, 747 96

CALCUTTA "HOME."

Mission Premises, called the "American Home," having been purchased in Calcutta for the work and use of the Missionaries of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, a General Committee for raising funds for this object was formed Nov. 1868.

RECEIPTS TO JUNE 1ST.

Report of Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Treasurer of the General Committee for purchase of the "American Home" in Calcutta, India.

<i>By Mrs. I. N. Judson.</i>		<i>By Mrs. C. L. Mitchell.</i>	
	\$ 50 00	Mr. J. B. Wright.....	25 00
	20 00	Mrs. W. D. Gookin.....	25 00
Mrs. Judson.....	25 00	B. H. Smith, Esq.....	25 00
Mr. J. Terry, solicited by Mrs.		Mr. Archibald Baxter.....	100 00
Judson, Given through Mrs.		C. S.....	20 00
Doremus.....	250 00	Mr. N. Southwick.....	10 00
	<hr/>	Mrs. N. E. James.....	10 00
	345 00	Mr. J. P. Wallace.....	5 00
		Mrs. S. M. Mills.....	5 00
<i>By Miss Mary Barnes.</i>		Mr. Jacob Campbell.....	50 00
From Zenana Mission Band, of		Miss Belle Graves..	5 00
Clinton Ave. Church.....	145 25	Mrs. David Wesson.....	10 00
<i>By Rev. Dr. Schenck.</i>		Mrs. H. B. Cromwell.....	50 00
Thank-offering from Mr. Henry		Mrs. Brownell.....	20 00
Torrance.....	500 00	Mrs. C. L. Mitchell.....	25 00
<i>By Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff.</i>		Mr. Joseph Wilde.....	5 00
Mr. J. H. Shipman.....	100 00	Mr. W. H. Swan.....	50 00
<i>By Mrs. A. S. Barnes.</i>		Mr. R. W. Ropes.....	25 00
		Dr. C. L. Mitchell.....	25 00
		Mrs. A. Mann.....	20 00
J. H. Hall.....	100 00	Miss Harrison.....	5 00
		Mrs. F. Deming.....	25 00
	150 00	Mr. S. B. Chittenden, (gold check)	250 00
<i>By Mrs. W. I. Budington.</i>		A Friend.....	3 00
Mr. Wm. Harris.....	\$ 10 00	Miss W.....	2 00
Mrs. Budington.....	100 00	An Unknown Friend.....	20 00
Mrs. Harris.....	3 00	Mrs. Hinsdale.....	4 00
Mrs. S. E. Warner.....	10 00	Mr. C. V. S. Roosevelt.....	50 00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	150 00	<i>By Mrs. A. Woodruff.</i>	
		Miss Thurston.....	25 00
		Miss E. Thurston.....	25 00

Miss Sophia Smith.....	20 00	Mrs. Ralph Cutter.....	10 00
Mrs. A. Coles.....	5 00	Mr. I. Bristow.....	10 00
Mrs. David Billings.....	5 00	Mr. Kelsey.....	5 00
Mrs. Mary Ann Billings.....	5 00	Mr. J. S. T. Stranahan.....	5 00
Miss Abby H. Dickinson.....	5 00	Mr. N. Woodward.....	5 00
Miss L. Dickinson.....	1 00	A friend.....	1 00
Mr. G. D. Billings.....	10 00	Check in Gold, Mr. A. Healy.....	50 00
Mr. Jos. Battell.....	100 00	Free Offering Fund of Strong Place Baptist Chnrch.....	35 00
Mr. Cyrus Davenport.....	10 00	Mr. Nathan Lane.....	10 00
	<hr/>	A Friend.....	20 00
Partial return from Sale of "Kardoo" in Brooklyn, deduct- ing cost of Publication, Lithographing, and other ex- penses.....	41 00	Mrs. C. R. Marvin.....	25 00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
<i>By Mrs. D. J. Lyon.</i>			571 60
Mr. M. Lyon.....	15 00	<i>By Mrs. Eli Merrill.</i>	
Mrs. B. C. Parker, West Newton, Mass.....	5 00	Mrs. A. B. Wyekoff.....	10 00
	<hr/>	Mr. S. H. Duryea.....	25 00
<i>By Mrs. B. H. Smith.</i>		Mr. Millikin.....	10 00
Proceeds of a musical entertain- ment.....	400 00	Mr. S. Me Lane.....	5 00
	<hr/>	Mrs. Eli Merrill.....	50 00
<i>By Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth, N. J.</i>		Mr. F. Marquand.....	160 00
Mr. J. E. Baldwin.....	\$ 25 00	Mr. Alanson Trask.....	25 00
	<hr/>	Mrs. Alanson Trask.....	10 00
<i>By Mrs. J. P. Robinson.</i>		Mr. Crittenden.....	15 00
Mr. Burnham.....	10 00	Mr. Delamater.....	5 00
Mr. E. L. Morris.....	10 00	Miss Van Sinderin.....	10 00
Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Jr.....	10 00	Mrs. Hunt.....	5 00
Mrs. F. Fowler.....	25 00		<hr/>
Mr. J. P. Robinson.....	150 00		270 00
Mr. F. Woodruff.....	110 00	<i>By Miss J. Abeel, of New York.</i>	
Mr. Geo. C. Robinson.....	100 00	Miss J. Abeel.....	20 00
Mr. Wm. Beard.....	50 00	C. H. Isham, Esq.....	50 00
Mr. A. Bardman.....	25 00	Mrs. H.....	10 00
Mr. F. D. Moulton.....	25 00	Mr. A.....	10 00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	505 00	Mission Band, "Fragment Seek- ers" of New York, per Mrs. Edwin Smith, partial pro- ceeds of a parlor entertainment. \$40.00 of which was made by the exertions of Carrie Seward	80 00
<i>By Mrs. S. B. Clittenden, Jr.</i>	\$ 12 00	<i>By Mrs. T. C. Dormus, of New York.</i>	
<i>By Miss Messenger.</i>		A Friend.....	\$200 00
A Friend.....	25 00	Mrs. D. J. Ely.....	100 00
	<hr/>	Mrs. Winthrop S. Gilman.....	50 00
<i>By Mrs. Geo. S. Coe.</i>		James R. Taylor, Esq.....	50 00
Englewood, N. J. May 17th, Life Membership.....	50 00	Morris K. Jessup, Esq.....	50 00
	<hr/>	Mrs. George Ireland.....	25 00
<i>By Miss S. D. White.</i>		Mrs. W. W. Patton, Chicago, Ill.	5 00
Mr. E. R. Dillingham.....	33 60	A Friend.....	2 00
Mr. J. C. Green.....	100 0	Mrs. W. T. Coleman.....	10 00
Miss White.....	25 00	Loring Andrews, Esq.....	10 00
Mrs. A. E. Waters.....	100 00	Miss A. L. Morss.....	20 00
Mr. C. Meyer.....	2 00	Mrs. Allen Me. Lane.....	50 00
Mr. Lewis Morris.....	25 00	Miss Gelston.....	50 00
Mr. Walter Aikman.....	100 00	Mrs. A. F. Smith, and Friends.	8 00
Mrs. E. R. Dillingham.....	10 00	Mrs. Wm. Spencer.....	100 00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
		Total.....	\$5,289 85

For greater convenience a Committee was formed in New York, March, 1869.

Report of Mrs. Loring Andrews, Treasurer of Committee in New York.

<i>By Mrs. T. C. Doremus.</i>		Mrs. F. S. Wiley.....	100 00
Mrs. E. S. Jaffrey.....	\$100 00		115 00
Mrs. Lewis Atterbury.....	80 00	<i>By Mrs. W. H. Van Waguen.</i>	
Mrs. Caleb O. Halstead.....	20 00	Mrs. Leonard Perkins.....	5 00
Mrs. James Stokes.....	25 00	<i>By Mrs. Loring Andrews.</i>	
Mrs. T. C. Doremus.....	100 00	Mrs. Higgins.....	25 00
Miss S. D. Doremus.....	50 00	Mrs. R. L. Stuart.....	50 00
J. C. H.....	25 00	Mrs. Loring Andrews.....	250 00
	350 00		325 00
<i>By Mrs Johnson.</i>		Balance of Parlor Entertainment	
J. E. Johnson, Esq.....	500 00	by Mission Band, "Fragment	
Mrs. Edw. Sweet, Montclair, N.J.	30 00	Seekers," per Mrs. Edwin	
	530 00	Smith, (\$80.00 having been	
<i>By Mrs. Wm. N. Blakeman.</i>		paid to Com. in Brooklyn.)...	20 00
Mrs. Daniel Parish.....	50 00	Interest.....	12 71
<i>By Mrs. D. W. Chapman.</i>		Partial return from Sales of	
Mrs. F. H. Bartholomew.....	\$ 10 00	"Kardoo" excluding cost of	
Thomas Denny, Esq. and Family	26 00	publication.....	100 10
A Friend through Mrs. Denny.	5 00	<i>By Miss H. G. Brittan.</i>	
Mrs. C. H. Robert.....	25 00	Friends in England, 20 sov., gold,	
Mrs. J. H. Keyser.....	25 00	realizing in enurrency.....	134 20
Mrs. C. H. Gardner.....	10 00	Miss Le Clere, N. Y.....	10 10
Mrs. Dwight Roberts.....	20 00		144 20
Mrs. John K. Platt.....	5 00	Total.....	\$1,909 01
A Friend.....	1 00	The Committee for "Mission	
	127 00	Band Fair" appropriated all	
<i>By Mrs. Jacob Le Roy.</i>		receipts over \$10,000 to the Cal-	
George S. Lorillard, Esq.....	100 00	cutta Home Fund: which with	
<i>By Mrs. Stephen Cutter.</i>		the interest amounts to.....	3,878 64
S. H. Wales, Esq.....	25 00	Total from General Committee.....	5,289 85
O. D. Mann, Esq.....	5 00	Total from N. Y. Committee.....	1,909 01
	30 00		11,077 50
<i>By Mrs. Fred. S. Wiley.</i>		Also, through Mrs. J. P. Robin-	
Miss Kissam.....	15 00	son, Treasurer.....	126 75
			\$11,204 25

The following list of articles will be acceptable gifts to send to Missionary Stations, for the use of Schools, or for sale for the purpose of aiding the "Woman's Union Missionary Society." Any gifts of this kind sent to Miss S. D. DOREMUS, care of Doremus and Nixon, New York, will be duly forwarded to their destination.

Elementary School Books.
 Scripture Cards.
 Picture Cards of Natural History.
 Photographs of Celebrities.
 Stereoscopic Views.
 Alphabet Blocks.
 Colored Prints.
 Infants' Dresses and Blankets.
 Children's Caps, Gloves, Socks and
 Crockades
 Bags, embroidered in silk or beads.
 Shawls, knitted or crocheted.
 Boys' Coats of Jean or good print.
 Gentlemen's Slippers and Socks.
 Dolls, prettily and fancifully dressed.
 Simple or elaborate Morning Caps.

Pen-Knives, Pen-Wipers and Table-Mats
 Merino Dresses for Children.
 Berlin Wool and Canvas.
 Copy-Books, Netting & Knitting Needles.
 Ladies' Col'ars.
 Colored Pocket-Handkerchiefs.
 Black Silk Aprons.
 Brown Holland Pinafores.
 Remnants—Chintz, Silk, Jaconet, Mull, etc
 Remnants of Ribbon of every variety.
 Materials for Fancy Work, viz.,
 Beads, Worsted, etc.
 Spools of Thread.
 Work Baskets.
 Autumn Leaves Pressed.
 Mosses and Seaweeds.

The "WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY" was Organized in Jan, and Incorporated in New York, Feb. 1, 1861.

SEAL OF OFFICE.

An American Lady giving the Bible to a Heathen Woman, and the Saviour addressing her.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeth to the "WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA," incorporated in the City of New York, February 1st, 1861, the sum of
to be applied to the Missionary purposes of said Society.

OFFICERS

OF THE

WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President.—Mrs. T. C. Doremus, 47 East 21st Street, N. Y.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Jacob Le Roy, N. Y.; Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff, Mrs. S. B. Clitenden, Mrs. W. I. Budington, Brooklyn; Mrs. G. D. Boardman, Philadelphia; Mrs. R. W. Clark, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Theo. Frelinghuysen, Oswego, N. Y.; Mrs. L. P. Hickok, Amherst, Mass.; Mrs. Dr. Buttolph, Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth, N. J.; Mrs. Charles Olden, Princeton, N. J.; Mrs. James Couper, New Castle, Del.; Mrs. O. F. Avery, Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer.—J. E. Johnson, Esq. Address, Care Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall St.

Asst. Treasurer.—Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 132 West 13th Street, N. Y.

Auditor.—Winthrop S. Gilman, Esq., 47 Exchange Place, N. Y.

Recording Secretary.—Mrs. Wm. Ransom, 137 East 15th Street, N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss S. D. Doremus. Address, Doremus & Nixon, N. Y.

OFFICERS OF THE BOSTON BRANCH.

President.—Mrs. Henry Safford, 205 Gold Street, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Jeremy Drake, Miss M. V. Ball, Mrs. J. D. Richardson, Mrs. A. Ellis, Mrs. J. D. Fulton.

Treasurer.—Mrs. A. E. Hovey, 415 4th Street, Boston.

Secretary.—Mrs. W. S. Robinson, 748 Tremont Street, Boston.

Auditor.—A. M. McPhall, Esq.

OFFICERS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

President.—Mrs. S. J. Hale, 1413 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Mathew Simpson, Mrs. Richard Newton, Mrs. E. Nott, Mrs. J. H. Suydam, Mrs. G. D. Boardman, Mrs. Daniel March.

Treasurer.—Miss Rachel Wetherill, 1237 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Recording Secretary.—Miss Maria K. Davis, 1417 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss S. A. Seull, 1615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

OFFICERS OF GERMANTOWN AUXILIARY TO PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Pres.—Mrs. A. P. Hurlbut. *Sec.*—Mrs. E. H. Whiting. *Treas.*—Mrs. Brevor.

OFFICERS OF CAMDEN AUXILIARY TO PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Pres.—Mrs. S. B. Linnard. *Sec.*—Miss Dunning. *Treas.*—Miss A. Bayard.

OFFICERS OF THE LEROY (N. Y.) BRANCH.

President.—Mrs. E. E. Ingham Staunton.

Secretary.—Miss S. F. Whiting.

OFFICERS OF THE CONCORD (N. H.) AUXILIARY.

President.—Mrs. James Blake.

Vice President.—Miss Annie A. McFarland.

Secretary.—Miss L. V. Parker.

Treasurer.—Miss Isabel Minot.

OFFICERS OF THE ELIZABETH (N. J.) AUXILIARY.

President.—Mrs. Richard T. Haines.

Secretary.—Miss Nettie C. Read.

Treasurer.—Miss H. M. McKnight.

OFFICERS OF THE ALBANY AUXILIARY.

President.—Mrs. R. W. Clark, 55 North Pearl Street, Albany.

Secretary.—Mrs. J. Elmendorf, 8 High Street, Albany.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Fred. Townsend, 3 Elk Street, Albany.